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## DETAILS OF POGROMS IN THE DISTRICT OF PINSK.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Materials collected by the Jewish deputies to the Polish Diet contain horrible details of the last pogroms perpetrated by the army of General Balachovitch in the region of Pinsk. The number of dead is now estimated to be one thousand. Jews who were not slaughtered in the massacres, were robbed of their means of livelihood and left entirely destitute. They are now without shoes or clothing and in dire need and distress.

Following details give a picture of conditions as developed in the report.

In the village of Mofra, Balachovitch's men kidnapped the eighteen-year-old daughter of Susskind Rubinstein and later seized also her brother and father. It became known later that the bandits have violated the girl thirty times and finally cut off her head. The bodies of the victim's father and brother were later found beside that of the girl.

In the village of Bichva, Schmerl Bromberg was killed by the soldiers without any reason, in broad daylight, and in cold blood.

In Pashek the bandits slew a Jewish mother with her suckling baby.

Instances of the above type are mentioned throughout the report of the Jewish deputies.

## MINORITY RIGHTS FOR JEWS RECOGNIZED BY POLAND.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) In the official Journal of the Polish government there appears today publication of the article of the Versailles Treaty guaranteeing rights to national minorities which here is taken to mean, Jews.

The publication of the clause, which thus sanctions officially by Poland, the guarantee of minority rights to the Jews, is taken to be the immediate result of a strong address made by the Polish Vice-Premier Daszynski at a session of party leaders of the Polish Diet. Daszynski pointed out the impropriety of not publishing the minority rights clause of the Treaty of Versailles, ratified some eighteen months ago, which was taken to mean that the government never ratified that clause. Immediate publication of the clause in the Official Journal is a result of Daszynski's persistent agitation.

Mr. Daszynski further declared to representatives of the Polish press as well as to leaders of parliamentary groups in Poland that unless Poland changed its course with reference to its Jewish citizens, and changed it quickly, she would have occasion to regret it as she would lose the support, if any might be expected, from the world at large.

## JEWISH RELIGION AGAIN DISCUSSED IN POLISH DIET.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) The Diet again took up the matter of Jewish religion today. In answer to recent attacks against the Talmud made by the anti-Semitic priest Lutoslavsky, Rabbi Dr. Osias Thon and Halpern made fitting replies.

Dr. Thon first declared that one could not judge any religion by the shortcomings of their adherents, for, if such were the case, every existing religion would suffer severely. But even so, the speaker declared, Lutoslavsky had made a mis-statement as to the number of Jewish criminals. Statistics will prove the fact, beyond doubt, that Jews form a small percentage of criminals in all countries. Rabbi Halpern declared that the diet was not a forum for theological discussions and that he would not go into the merits of Priest Lutoslavsky's accusations, but he advised that the Talmud be translated into Polish to prove to the Poles that it contains nothing of which Jews should be ashamed.

## FRANCE SEEKING TO RESTRICT JEWISH IMMIGRATION.

Paris: (By I. J. P. B.) During a debate in the French Senate on the growth of Jewish immigration to that country in recent months, the statement was made by a number of senators that some 400,000 Jewish immigrants have reached the country bringing with them all sorts of diseases and some kind of an epidemic of a mild type and much poverty. Furthermore some senators seemed to resent the fact that many of the immigrants did not possess any identifying documents with them, except Hebrew letters which no Frenchman could read.

A resolution was adopted calling upon the government to introduce a bill regulating and restricting the immigration of undesirable aliens.

## PALESTINE SELF-SUPPORTING.

London: (By I. J. P. B.) During a debate in Parliament on Britain's policy with reference to mandates, it became known that Palestine would soon become self-supporting. Premier Lloyd George declared, in answer to a question put to him by a member of the house of commons, that the British army in Palestine would be reduced in size, and that under the wise direction of Commission Herbert Samuel, it would soon be possible to announce that the administration of Palestine is without expense to the British Crown and that Palestine is entirely self-supporting.

## JEWISH THEATRES IN SOVIET RUSSIA.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Esther Rachel Kaminsky, the well known Jewish actress who has recently arrived here from Soviet Russia told representatives of the Jewish press about Jewish plays and players in Bolshevik Russia.

All of Gordin's plays have been prohibited by the government except "Efron" and "God, Man and Without a Home" was prohibited. "The plays of Ibsen, Andrei, and Perez Hirschbein are most popular. The Hebrew stage "Ha-Bimah" is making wonderful progress. Lunatcharsky, the commissary for Art and Literature, is taking a personal interest in all artists and is greatly interested in the Jewish theatre. He has helped Miss Kaminsky in many ways.

## PERSITZ, NOTED MOSCOW MILLIONAIRE KILLED BY BOLSHEVIKI.

London: (By I. J. P. B.) Reports have reached this city that the Bolsheviks have recently executed Dr. H. Ginsburg Persitz and other prominent Jewish merchants in Moscow under pretext that they were counter-revolutionists and "enemies of the working people."

Persitz was a well known Jewish philanthropist in Moscow of before the revolution of 1917.

## ARMENIAN BOLSHEVIKI ORGANIZING ANTI-JEWISH MASSACRES.

London: (By I. J. P. B.) From many sources your correspondent learns of several cases of massacres by Armenian Bolsheviks against Jews. Hundreds of refugees have arrived in Bombay complaining of the sad fate that has befallen them and their nearest relatives when the Bolsheviks assumed control of the country.

## POLISH PRESS DECLARES BALACHOVITCH'S ARMY DEMORALIZED.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) All Polish newspapers, even the most reactionary which have heretofore lent support to General Balachovitch now report that the army of the White Russian general is completely demoralized under the constant pressure of the Bolshevik advance. Many soldiers have already deserted either surrendering to the Bolsheviks or leaving outright and settling in the towns and villages near the frontier.

## TITLE OF "SHEIK OF BAAR-SHEVA" CONFERRED ON SAMUEL'S SON.

Jerusalem: (By I. J. P. B.) Edwin Samuel, the eldest son of Sir Herbert Samuel received the title of "Sheik of Baar-Sheva", which was conferred upon him by Arabian sheiks on the occasion of the latter's wedding ceremony.

Mr. Samuel was recently married to Hadassah Grazovsky, the daughter of the Hebrew author and pedagogue, Jehuda Grazovsky, one of Palestine's pioneer settlers.

## JEWISH LITERARY SOCIETY CLOSED.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) It became known here today that the Jewish Literary Society in Lodz was closed by Polish authorities. The "Voyvoda" (chief of police) of the city stated that it was done because of the charge that the Society engaged in political activity against the Polish government.

## JEWISH DEPUTIES DEMAND TRIAL FOR BALACHOVITCH.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Owing to the presence on Polish territory of the pogrom leader Balachovitch of White Russian fame, it is suggested by the Jewish Deputies to the Polish Diet that the general be either court-martialed or else tried by the local tribunals on charges of murder.

## NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED IN WARSAW TO AID JEWISH IMMIGRANTS.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) There was organized here a committee to aid Jewish immigrants who arrive in large numbers from Ukraine. The new organization will co-operate with the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society and the Joint Distribution Committee.

## PLAN TO INTRODUCE AMERICAN MONEY IN POLAND.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) The constant fall in the value of Polish money, is responsible for persistent rumors to the effect that the Polish government will soon abolish its national currency and substitute in its place the American dollar as a unit.

## BUNDIST EHRICH FREED.

Warsaw, Nov. 16 (special cable to I. J. P. B.)—Councilman Ehrlich, a member of the "Bund," who was arrested on charges of treason against Poland and pro-Bolshevik sympathies, has been released.